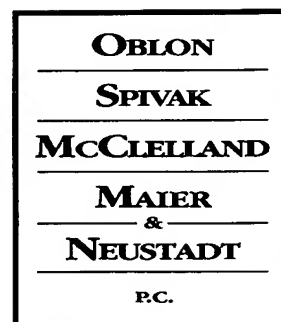




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/618,650
Applicants: Hiroshi KONDOH
Filing Date: July 15, 2003
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, EL DISPLAY
DEVICE, LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE,
AND CALCULATING DEVICE
Group Art Unit: 2818
Examiner: Long K. Tran

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 22, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse Species I with the Claims 1-7, 18-26 and 29-32 readable thereon, directed to a semiconductor device. Applicant makes this election based on the understanding that Applicant is not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

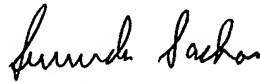
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

In the present application no undue burden has been established if each of the claims were examined together. In contrast, the present restriction requirement subjects the Applicant to the added burden of prosecuting Claims 1-7, 18-26 and 29-32 and Claims 8-17 and 27-28 in separate proceedings.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-32 be conducted.

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